

**MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Ted Eyre, Chair

Lisa Nelson, Vice Chair

Morgan Selph

Darren Stam

Bob VanBibber

Wayne Bott, Outgoing Board Member, not in attendance

Dani Murikami, Newly Appointed Board Member, not in attendance

**Staff**

Doug Hill

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chair, Ted Eyre.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lisa Nelson made a motion to approve the December 10, 2008 board minutes as written. Morgan Selph seconded. Motion was unanimous.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

A Murray High School student, Hannah, attended the meeting as an assignment from a government class. She explained that the class is to inform students on the workings of government and how to become an active, involved citizen. Another student, Danny Johnson, arrived a little late to attend the meeting from the high school government class as well.

Ted Eyre explained that the Parks & Recreation Board meets once a month. He also stated that during this meeting, the chair and vice chair positions will change and that two of the board members will be leaving after nine years of service and two new members have been appointed.

**WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Ted Eyre welcomed one of the new board members, Bob VanBibber, and asked that he introduce himself and give the group some background.

Bob introduced himself and said that he has been a resident of Murray for 32 years. He and his wife, Sheri, have a home on Avalon Drive. He said that they have three children, all of whom attended Murray schools. They are now empty nesters and grandparents to 3-1/2 children. Bob said that he has been involved with Murray City through athletics and sports while coaching in Jr Jazz and Liberty League and is now on the board for Babe Ruth. Bob said that he graduated from the University of Utah in Physical Education with a teaching certificate and said that he presently works in the sporting goods business.

Ted welcomed Bob VanBibber and said that on behalf of the board that they were pleased to have him as a member.

### **RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS**

Ted Eyre turned the time over to Doug Hill for the recognition of outgoing board members.

Doug said that it has been a pleasure working with Darren for the past nine years. Doug said that Darren has been very instrumental over the years in helping with a number of Parks and Recreation facilities that have been developed. The Park Center, Willow Pond Park, and much of the Jordan River Parkway has come about during the time Darren has served on the board. Darren has a special interest in baseball and has also coached basketball.

Doug said that he has appreciated Darren's input over the years. He said that on behalf of the board and Murray City that his input and involvement has been very much appreciated. Doug presented Darren with an engraved clock for his years of service.

Darren said that he has enjoyed his time on the board. He said that it has been interesting being involved and seeing the City grow and the changes that have taken place.

Bob VanBibber said that he feels what makes Murray City so unique and wonderful are the people who volunteer to make the City a success in all sorts of activities. He said that people like Darren help make that success. Bob said that he has watched Darren for the last ten years; he is always an honest, upright person, always for the kids, and always trying to make things better. He said that Darren is a great example on the baseball field and a great example to everyone.

Doug indicated that he would contact Wayne Bott to thank him for his years of service and to present him with his gift.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FEE INCREASES AT THE MURRAY CITY CEMETERY**

Doug reported that the fee increases were presented to the City Council, and the Council indicated that they would like to move forward with nonresident fees. A proposed fee schedule was given to all board members. Doug said that what is being recommended is that the nonresident fee be double the resident fee, and for the opening and closing be about \$200 more than a resident. Also included in the ordinance is a definition of resident vs nonresident. A resident is a person who lives or owns property in Murray City or, if in a care facility, lived or owned property in Murray City prior to going into the care facility.

Also going into effect would be a title transfer fee, a marker setting fee, and an overtime charge for services after 3:00pm on weekdays.

Doug stated that these recommendations, or any other recommendations the board might have, will be on the Council agenda for next Tuesday. Doug said that these changes to the ordinance brings nonresident fees up to what other surrounding cities are charging for nonresident rates.

Bob VanBibber made a motion to accept the changes on nonresident fees as shown in the schedule. Morgan Selph seconded. Board was unanimous.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2009**

Bob Vanbibber nominated Morgan Selph for Chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Ted Eyre seconded. Board was unanimous. Ted Eyre made a motion that Lisa Nelson extend her position as Vice Chair for a second year. Morgan Selph seconded. Board was unanimous.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Doug Hill reported that Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation is conducting an organizational study. They have hired a consultant; and, as part of this study, they are inviting representatives from cities to meet with the consultant to talk about the role of Salt Lake County in Parks & Recreation and what is important to cities. They have asked that Murray City have representatives from the staff, from the elected officials, and from the boards to participate in this study. Doug said that as more information is received that board members may be asked if they would be interested in attending these meeting. Doug said that these meetings would be held during the work day and if anyone is interested that they let Morgan or Doug know of their interest. Lisa Nelson said that she would be happy to attend.

Doug said that Murray City Divisions are in the process of developing the 2009-2010 budget to be submitted to the Mayor, and that he would bring the tentative budget to the next board meeting in March. He invited the board members to let him know if they had any specific interests or items that they might want included in the budget. Doug said that the proposed budget is very lean; however, items that were cut this year, i.e., the park pavilions and the Parks & Recreation Master Plan will be resubmitted for funding next year.

Doug reported that the City is in the process of working with the County to purchase the National Guard property. The County agreed to fund the purchase of the property, and the draft agreement will put a conservation easement on that property. The County will be the holder of the easement. The agreement will require the City to use the property for public parks and recreation purposes only; the property cannot be sold or developed for housing, offices, etc.

### **QUESTIONS**

Morgan asked if there was any updated news regarding snowboarding in Murray Park. Doug said that last week he heard from the group saying that they were still working on the insurance for this activity.

Doug said that they would not be required to make application to the Planning Commission under the City ordinance because it would be a permitted use in the park.

Ted Eyre asked about the electronic advertising boards that were going to be placed in The Park Center. Doug said that there was an agreement in place for them to locate these board in The Park Center, but they have not been placed at this time.

Ted Eyre asked about the UV system for The Park Center and the outdoor pool. Doug said that this will be an item in the budget requests for 2009-2010.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ted Eyre made a motion to adjourn; Lisa Nelson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The next regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at 5:30pm in the Parks and Recreation conference room located at 296 E Murray Park Ln.